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**From:** (b) (6)  
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**To:** HarborComments <HarborComments@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Portland Harbor Superfund Site Proposed Changes

Dear EPA:

As residents of one of the neighborhoods most directly affected by the pollutants along the Willamette River bank and in the river, the Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association would like to express that we are concerned about the proposed changes to the clean-up of the Willamette River Superfund site. The waterfront in our neighborhood has the potential to become a valuable asset not only for our neighborhood, but also for the City of Portland. But this can only happen if we have a clean river. Weakening the clean-up standards will narrow the choices for future use and will directly affect the health and welfare of the neighborhood residents.

We want the 2-mile stretch of the Willamette that is the SW border of our neighborhood to be as clean as the rest of the urban river. This is necessary for the waterfront to reach its potential as a place for residents of Cathedral Park, and other North Portland neighborhoods, to enjoy the full benefits of a healthy river. As a region of Portland that has consistently been made home to industries and projects that have benefited the rest of the city but have been harmful to the health and welfare of residents of the peninsula, this scale back is also an issue of equity. All kinds of activities should be considered when looking to make changes to the level of clean-up. Boating, fishing, and swimming should be considered in addition to any kind of industrial activities or dock work. It is also essential that you consider the health of the wildlife in the area when considering any changes, as leaving the chemical in the river sediment has the potential to harm all wildlife. We want to be able to benefit from and enjoy the resource that the river is in our community.

In short, interpretation of BhP updated toxic values should help, not hinder, the goal of a multi-use river as strongly expressed by the community in the Record of Decision. River access should be safe everywhere for everyone.

Sincerely,

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Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association